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**From:** Ferguson, Leslie@Waterboards [Leslie.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/7/2018 5:52:29 PM  
**To:** Keydel, Susan [Keydel.Susan@epa.gov]; O'Hara, Janet@Waterboards [Janet.O'Hara@waterboards.ca.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan Amendment, Point Reyes National Seashore

I had been hoping to attend the meeting in Point Reyes to hear local comments- but we have Grant Manager training in Sacto that day and we won't be back in time.

Jan and I will be coordinating our comments. I have numerous concerns related to allowing other ag uses besides livestock.

thanks for checking in to make sure we were aware of this!!!  
Leslie

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**From:** Keydel, Susan <Keydel.Susan@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 1:06:58 PM  
**To:** O'Hara, Janet@Waterboards; Ferguson, Leslie@Waterboards  
**Subject:** FW: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan Amendment, Point Reyes National Seashore

Hi Jan and Leslie,

Wondering if you aware of this project, or is there someone else working on it at RB-2?

EPA's NEPA Review office staff are identify any concerns - including from a water quality standpoint - that should be addressed (they reviews all NEPA projects).

*Proposed Action*—Based on the purpose and need for action, the NPS proposed action includes the Elements Common to All Action Alternatives and the following additional elements:

- Issue agricultural lease/permits with 20 year terms to existing ranch families to continue beef and dairy operations on approximately 27,000 acres within the planning area.
- The proposed action would include opportunities for operational flexibility and diversification, establish approximately 900 acres of resource protection buffers, and provide programmatic review of best management practices.
- Implement a land management framework on ranch lands allowing for different intensities of land use depending on the zone (ranch core, pasture, and range). Diversification activities (*e.g.* poultry) would be allowed in the ranch core zone. Pasture areas would allow for some increased pasture management activities. Range areas would be dedicated to livestock grazing.
- Take actions to minimize elk-related impacts including: Hazing, fence repair and modification, water development, habitat improvement, and other measures as appropriate. The Drakes Beach free-range tule elk herd would be managed at a level compatible with authorized ranching operations. The NPS would manage within that range using translocation outside of the park if practicable, or agency-

managed lethal removal methods. Additionally, the NPS will evaluate management of tule elk from the Limantour free-range herd if they affect ranchlands.

Thanks for being in touch if you are aware of any WQ issues!

Sue

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